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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The action rejected all of the pending claims as anticipated by US Patent No 5,487,143 to Southgate. Those claims have been canceled and new claims 37-57.

The applicant respectfully disagrees with the conclusions of the examiner. First of all, the cited publication by Southgate comprises a very specific use of a display area with a traditional windows appearance, wherein one part is for overlapping windows while the other parts are for a display of different windows side-by-side as a tiled surface, as shown at least in Southgate Fig. 6.

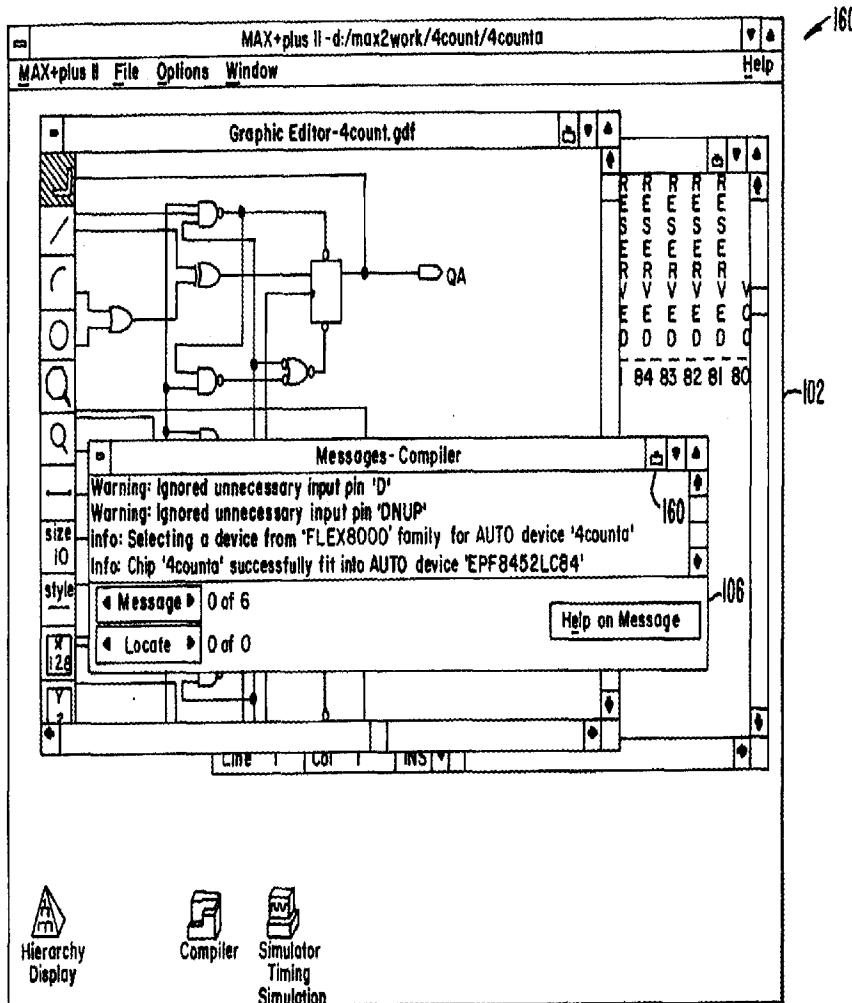


FIG. 6.

This differs from what is claimed, namely, Southgate fails to teach "d" displaying instances of the selected starting predefined appearance of the window on the display as a series of evolving instances of the window, wherein each respective displayed instance is from the set of predefined windows of different

sizes, wherein the first instance in the displayed series comprises the selected starting predefined appearance for the window, e) continuing with steps a) to d) wherein step a) comprises selecting another window for another specific interactive user interface application or service, and continuing selecting other windows for other specific applications or services that are present in the computer device” as recited in claim 1.

The claimed invention is best illustrated by the described analogy of a tub of soapy water as disclosed on page 8, line 31 to page 9 line 9. The point is that a user by using a finger or stylus or other means can start a series of display of different windows related to different user applications and/or computer services provided for in the computer device. All these windows are displayed from a small size to bigger sizes, e.g. event driven, and when they have reached a full size, windows are starting to shrink again and sink backwards, as if they were soap-bubbles coming from the surface of a soapy water coming up and then going down again. These techniques provide a completely different solution to the technical problem of displaying more information, providing user interactions etc., on a small display area.

Moreover, there is no teaching or suggestion in Southgate of “modifying the size of the at least one arranged window, or modifying a location for displaying the at least one arranged window, respectively, on the display in accordance with a

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value of the parameter indicating the state of the application or service" as recited in claim 49 and in fact, this adjustment of the window based on a parameter is not contemplated by Southgate. Other parameter-based claims like claims 50 and 51 are similarly not anticipated or made obvious by Southgate.

If the examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including the pending claims, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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